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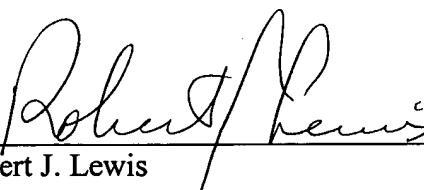
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Sir:

Attached please find Amendment A in the above entitled application. Also attached is a Supplemental IDS. The references cited in the Supplemental IDS were recently discovered in the course of doing discovery in litigation. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner review these references regarding the invention defined in the claims of the subject application.

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	A1	Figures A1, A2 and A3, for Cut Away Vest (Digital Photographs).			Attachment A is a prior art vest. It includes a four cable release system to effect cut away of the vest Fig. A1. The shoulder straps each have a cable connection Fig. A3 and the sides each have a cable connection Fig. A2. The four cable connections are similar in construction. The vest has been referred to as a FSBE I vest.
	A2	Figures B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6 and B7, for Cut Away Vest (Digital Photographs).			Attachment B shows a TAC-VDG vest that went through several design changes, six versions were believed to have been designed. It is not clear which version the illustrated vest is. One version (unknown) which was sold on or about June 18, 2002. Fourteen units of version four were sold on October 20, 2002. The specific design of what was sold is currently unknown. The shoulders were each joined by a respective cable, Fig. B2 and the belt or sides and cummerbund were connected by a third cable Fig. B3.

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